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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Dear Sir:

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This is an Amendment for the above-identified application in response to the Final Office Action mailed February 27, 2003. Applicants hereby request a 1-month extension of time in which to file this Amendment.

Enclosed herewith is a Notice of Appeal for the above-identified application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the 1-month extension fee of \$55.00, the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(b) of \$160.00, and any other necessary fees for the above-identified application to Deposit Account 10-0100 for Lackenbach Siegel, LLP. The Applicant claims small entity status.

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